



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 862

LCO No. 3220



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STATE PAYMENT TO CERTAIN FACILITIES
FOR RESERVED BEDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-601 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations in
4 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 establishing the method
5 by which payments are made for recipients of the state supplement
6 program who are residents of licensed residential care homes, as
7 defined in section 19a-490, and a rated housing facility, as defined in
8 section 17b-82. Such regulations shall provide for the safeguarding of
9 residents' personal funds with respect to any homes, or rated housing
10 facilities that handle such funds. Regulations concerning payment for
11 residents shall provide for payment to the licensed residential care
12 home or rated housing facility for the period during which the
13 recipient makes such home or facility his or her residence, without
14 regard to periods during which the recipient is absent, provided (1) the
15 recipient's bed at the home or facility would otherwise be available

16 during such absence, and (2) the recipient can reasonably be expected
 17 to return to the home or facility before the end of the month following
 18 the month in which the recipient leaves the home or facility. If the
 19 department determines that a resident of a home or rated housing
 20 facility who applies for state supplement benefits is eligible for such
 21 benefits, the department shall pay the home or facility at a per diem or
 22 monthly rate less any applied income due from the resident. Any
 23 retroactive adjustment to the rate of such a home or facility by the
 24 commissioner that results in money due to such home or facility shall
 25 be made to such home or facility directly, and any such adjustment
 26 that results in an overpayment to the home or facility shall be paid by
 27 the home or facility to the department. If a retroactive adjustment to
 28 the rate of such home or facility results in a current resident becoming
 29 eligible for state supplement benefits, and such resident applies for
 30 state supplement benefits, the department may determine the start
 31 date of eligibility for state supplement benefits to be the later of the
 32 resident's admission date or the date ninety days prior to the date the
 33 department receives the application. [The commissioner shall continue
 34 to make payments to licensed residential care homes or rated housing
 35 facilities in accordance with reserved bed regulations until the effective
 36 date of the regulations adopted pursuant to this section.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2015	17b-601
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Statement of Purpose:

To prevent the state from being required to pay for beds that are not otherwise available at residential care homes and rated housing facilities during a resident's short-term absence.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]